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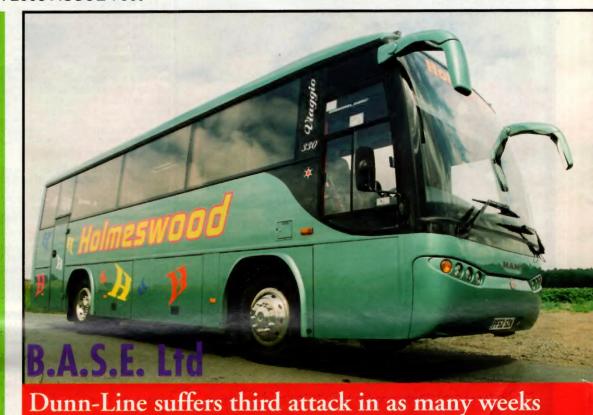
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49 recliners, orange/gold multi-col moquette, centre sunken toilet, double glazed tinted side windows, curtains, courier seat, water boiler, fridge, AIR CON, ZF retarder and wired TV/video. Exterior white

1998 BOVA FUTURA FHD 12.340 INTEGRAL 12M

49 recliners, black/grey multi-col moquette, centre sunken toilet, double glazed tinted side windows, curtains, courier seat, water boiler, fridge, AIR CON, ZF retarder and wired TV/video. Exterior white



1995 BOVA FUTURA FHD 12.340 INTEGRAL 12M

48 recliners, grey multi-col moquette, rear floor mounted toilet, double glazed tinted side windows, AIR CON, curtains, blinds, courier seat, water boiler, fridge, doors to hatracks, wired TV/video, TELMA retarder and Webasto pre-heater. Exterior white.

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49 recliners, black/grey multi-col moquette, centre sunken toilet, double glazed tinted side windows, AIR CON, water boiler, fridge, doors to hatracks, curtains, courier seat, TELMA retarder, no rear window and wired TV/video. Ext. white.

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49 recliners, red/orange/black moquette, rear sunken toilet, double glazed tinted side windows, curtains, courier seat, AIR CON, doors to hatracks, drinks machine, fridge, moquette trim to side casings, carpets to entire floor, TELMA retarder and wired TV/video. Exterior white. Choice of 2.

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Front Cover: BASE are the importers for the Marco Polo range. The largest model is the MAN 18.360 with the Viaggio 350 body, this is the high floor version of the Portuguese built range.

Dunn-Line suffers third attack in as many weeks

Dunn-Line's Nottingham depot has suffered its third suspected arson attack in as many weeks. The latest action saw three of the company's fleet of double deckers, worth about £80,000, rendered write-offs despite the efforts of fire crews and Dunn Line staff. The attack followed earlier ones where seven coaches

were seriously damaged. Speaking of the incident, Peter Ashton, Group Personnel Manager said that but for the quick action of the staff in moving vehicles out of the way the damage would have been much greater. It is suspected that children were responsible for starting the blaze. Peter said, 'I just

wish these people would take a moment to think about the possible consequences of their actions. It is bad enough to lose vehicles but what worries me is that one of our employees is going to get seriously or even fatally hurt by their actions and that would be a disaster.'

Volvo shows a new nine litre artic for Scandinavia

Volvo has announced a new articulated bus model primarily for the Scandinavian market. The bus, called the 8500 LEA, is a

floor inter-urban artic powered by a nine Volvo vertical litre engine at the rear of the front part of the vehicle in-line with chassis but offset to one side as with the B7L. Drive is transmitted by the ZF Ecomat2 Plus six speed automatic transmission to a portal type rear axle. Unusually these days the radiator is mounted at roof height at the front of the vehicle. The example pictured here bus. has the Saffle body. The model will replace the B10MA articulated model, which has been popular in Sweden.



Volvo's new 8500LEA low floor articulated bus.

2 Travel Group expand services

The 2 Travel Group plc is to introduce eleven new services in East Swansea and the Swansea Valley following its recent licence award extension which saw its operational capacity raised to 110 buses. Speaking of the new services, Bev Fowles, the company Chief Executive Officer said, 'We have strong operations in the Neath area where we now transport 1000 passengers a day, and are delighted to expand on our presence in the Swansea district. The new all day bus operating services. on commercial routes and integrated with school services, are expected to increase annual turnover significantly. We expect new opportunities to open up in the area as growth in public

First Scania 12.2m and 3 axle Irizar PB coaches delivered

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The first 12.2m Scania Irizar PB has gone to Abbotts of Leeming.

Abbotts of Leeming, North Yorkshire. It is likely that all future PB's will be built to this minimum

length and not 12m because the extra 0.2m allows a better layout to be achieved. The coach has the 420bhp Scania engine matched to Opticruise

transmission.

Scania UK have also delivered the first three axle



The first three axle Scania Irizar PB has joined the Select Corporate fleet of The Kings Ferry.

version of the PB to The Kings Ferry from Kent. The 12.9m coach - the first of this length to arrive in the UK - has a self steering third axle. The vehicle was shown at this week's Coach and Bus 2003 Exhibition with 55 leather seats but when operating for The Kings Ferry it will join their Super Corporate Executive fleet being down seated to 34 with 32 of the seats set at tables. The coach has the Scania 420bhp engine matched to Opticruise transmission.

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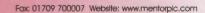
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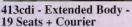
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New Van Hool Alizee on the road

Although the latest version of Van Hool's popular Alizee body only received its public launch at this week's Coach and Bus 2003 exhibition, the first examples are already on the road. Westbus (UK) of Hounslow has just placed the first three into service mounted on the VDL Bus International (DAF) SB4000XF rear engined chassis. In common with Van Hool practice the changes to the new Alizee

are evolutionary rather than revolutionary. Of particular note are the new pencil type dual headlights, which can be switched from halogen to gas filled bulbs.

The coaches are powered by the DAF 340bhp engine matched to ZF fully automatic transmission and feature a high specification interior with rear saloon toilet, servery, full air conditioning and 49 seats.



The first three examples of Van Hool's revised Alizee bodywork are fitted to these three VDL Bus International SB40000XF's being operated by Westbus (UK) of London.

Paul Hughes joins Alero team

Having recently expanded their Alero sales team by appointing Stephanie Baker formerly of Frank Guy, Optare have now recruited Paul Hughes. Paul has spent the last three years working as Area Sales Manager for rival low floor accessible minibus manufacturers Rohill Bodies. At Optare, Paul will report to Alero Sales manager Neil Widdowfield.

Andy Nurrish joins Irisbus

Andy Nurrish has joined Irisbus as Regional Sales Manager for the Southern Region. His main focus will be to maximise sale opportunities for the Iris DailyBus and associated low floor products like the LoGo in Southern England and Wales. He will report to General Sales Manager, Geoff Reyner.

Paul gives David a quid

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The formula for the Coach Euro Test is now well established. Every two years the International Bus & Coach of the Year jury meets at Baveno on the shores of Lake Maggiori in Italy to put Europe's latest crop of new coach releases through their paces. Only coaches that participate in the test are eligible to be considered for the title International Coach of the Year.

Staged under the auspices of the respected Italian magazine Tuttotrasporti Passageri, the pretesting procedures to determine the performance of the vehicles under comparable conditions are rigorous. They take several days to complete before journalists from who participated, though only one representative of each of the jury magazines is permitted to vote.

Brief presentations are made by each of the participating manufacturers to highlight what they believe are the strengths of their products. Throughout the tests representatives of the manufacturers are on hand to answer any queries jurors have, point out how to get the best from a vehicle, and ensure that it is operating exactly they would wish it to. Participation requires manufacturers to commit a considerable level of resource, which shows the esteem in which they hold the title and on behalf of the magazine I

would like to express my thanks to all of them for doing so.

The accompanying tables give comparative details of the specifications

and the results of some of the tests carried out to help the jury members determine which of the coaches they should allocate their votes in favour of. If you would like to know more about the Coach Euro Test and its organisation, the information can be found on the http://home.netwings.ch/trenold/and www.ace-europe.org/NewFiles/intro.html websites.

In the comments below, each vehicle has been treated individually. The first section of text is by Stuart Jones and in it you will find a brief introduction to the vehicle and key points of interest about its

performance at Baveno. Space prevents this being as comprehensive as we might have liked. The Finnish judge, covered 18 pages with his report on the Coach Euro Test, but unfortunately we do not have that amount

available to us. Comments are not only Stuart's own but also those gleaned from the jurors taking part. Rob Orchard's personal driving impressions follow.

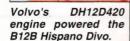
Hispano Divo Volvo B12B

For many operators, the Hispano name is most closely related with bus manufacture, indeed the Pininfarina designed Habit bus was the runner up to the 2001 Bus of the Year, the Mercedes Cito. Hispano's coaching pedigree is a strong one, and it's earlier coach model, sold in the UK on the Mercedes Benz O.404



The interior of the Hispano Divo Volvo B12B.

underframe as the Vita, was the first coach in the world to meet the ECE R66 rollover requirements that are still not mandatory in some European markets. When the time came to replace the Vita, Hispano turned once again to the famous Italian design house that had created such a winner with the



the Jury's member magazines arrive to begin their personal evaluations, including road appraisals on a 53.6km route taking in 25.6km of motorways and 28km of normal roads. Bus & Coach Buyer represents the UK and Stuart Jones and Rob Orchard were among some 20 journalists from 14 countries



Pininfarina's distinctive styling on the Hispano Divo Volvo B12B.

Habit bus. The result was a coach with looks that everyone seems to have an opinion on, whether they are bowled over by it or really don't like it. There is no questioning the fact that the lines are clean and coherent, but what some find hard to take to is the frontal treatment that they claim makes the coach look unhappy.

Alone among the entrants the Divo was equipped with a relatively high number of seats, 55, and it did not have a toilet and washroom facility. In some ways this made it difficult to compare with the other coaches, though this was not an excuse for the squeaks from were rather too evident.

Overall, the level of finish reflected the considerably lower purchase price of the coach.

Among the many positive aspects of the design were the LED interior lighting, described as 'elegant' by one judge and the parcel racks with glazed bottoms designed to encourage passengers not to leave their belongings behind. Total rack capacity was said to be two cubic metres! There was also praise for the spare wheel housing, which opened from the top, though access for daily checks was not so easy, particularly the windscreen washer fluid.

Although the B12B chassis is ostensibly the same unit beneath the Volvo 9700 also participating, that was fitted with the latest I-Shift gearbox whereas the Hispano still had the G8-EGS, which was universally unpopular with those that drove it. There was also criticism of the ride quality with rather more roll than expected.

Rob on the Road

The Divo was a new coach to me. Hispano went to great lengths to explain the aerodynamics of the body style on which the front end is narrower than the rest of the coach. I was not alone in considering this a mistake. It made the cab very cramped while the rearward vision was obscured by the



the plastic components that The MAN Lions's Star with Swedish judge Tiit Tamme at the wheel.

body, giving you, at best, only half a mirror image of what was behind you.

The Divo had the B12B units with a 420bhp version of the Volvo engine matched to Volvos eight speed manual box with EGS and

I am no lover of Volvos EGS system and this vehicle did nothing to improve my feelings about suspension was very good. Other aspects like the steering and braking were, as you would expect from the TX platform absolutely

MAN Lion's Star

MAN's Lion's Star had something of a tradition to live up to



The Lion's Star departs on another road test run.

it. It was very imprecise and at times very difficult to get the gear you wanted as well as being slow to make changes. I have a feeling that the gear control system had not been set up properly.

There was plenty of power available from the engine and the ride using Volvo's independent

when it entered the Coach Euro Test, because its predecessor, the first model to carry the Lion's Star name, won the Coach of the Year title in 1994. That was a very attractive coach without being as distinctively different as the latest incarnation. The new Lion's Star has already won some awards, including the Red Dot design award, and was not the only one

of the competitors in Baveno to have had its styling copied by imitators in the Chinese market

I was very taken with the interior, which was extremely well finished. Unusually, and uniquely among the test coaches, the Lion's Star had a completely flat saloon floor throughout with all seats mounted at the same level. The Kiel recliners were very comfortable, well equipped and complete with plug-in Blaupunkt sets. The only possible criticism in this department being that the window side armrests reduced the room available for the passenger. The inclusion of an easily emptied bin beneath the aisle

side of each double was a practical touch.

Readers will be aware of the criticism I have made of feature windows and their negative impact on the view afforded passengers. Though the Lion's Star's C pillar is key part of a design theme that helps create an imposing look for the coach, it does not ruin the view out from the seats adjacent to it. The view is excellent wherever you sit, with the advantage over some of the rear window being large enough to permit a tourist a backward glance at a location where they might have liked to linger. A wiper for the upper part of the screen would perhaps enhance the passengers' enjoyment on inclement days.

With the advent of low cost air travel making planes that more accessible to the travelling public, the coach is being compared with aircraft more closely than ever. The colour co-ordinated interior with snug fitting locker doors enclosing the racks, neat easily operated service units and indirect lighting, integrated monitors, and brushed aluminium rails at the entrances, imbued the Lion's Star with rather more appeal than most of the planes I have travelled on lately. The climate control (incorporating a cold water air conditioning system) and ventilation were both excellent and the coach was quiet, even at the rear over



MAN's D2876LOH.03 460bhp 12.8 litre engine. units and service unit lights.



Taken in one of the Autostrada tunnels, this view of the MAN interior illustrates the attractiveness of the diffused lighting, the locker



The interior of the MAN Lion's Star.

	Vehic	le Spe	cificati	ons	
	Hispano Divo Volvo B12B	MAN Lion's Star	Scania K124 EB4x2	Solaris Vacanza	Volvo 9700
Length in mm	12000	12000	12000	12000	12000
Width in mm	2550	2550	2550	2550	2550
Height in mm	3680	3685	3651	3830	3580
Front overhang in mm	2605	2680	2690	2600	2770
Rear overhang in mm	3390	3260	3380	3350	3350
Wheelbase in mm	6000	6060	5930	6050	5880
Weight - unladen in kg	13752	14100	14370	14400	13600
Weight - as tested in kg	17020	17680	17760	17760	17480
Seating capacity	55+1+1	44+1+1	44+1+1	49+1+1	49+1+1
Luggage capacity in cu.m ²					~/ ~ ~
with/without WC	8.98 no WC	10 approx	6.67/5.68	9.1 / 11.0	8.0 / 8.8
MECHANICAL DATA Engine	Volvo DH12D420	MAN D2876 LOH 03	Scania DC12.01	DAF XE315C	Volvo DHD12D420
Cylinders	Six	Six	Six	Six	Six
Displacement - litres	12130	12816	11700	12580	12130
Injection	Direct/unit injectors	Direct	Direct electronic with	Electronic control	Direct/unit
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Power - bhp/kW at rpm	420/309 @ **	460/338@1900	420/309@1900	428/315@1900	420/309@ **
Torque - Nm/kgm @rpm	2000/204@1200	2100/214@1000-1300	2000/204@1100-1300	1950/199@1500	2000/204@1200
Clutch	Single dry disc	MFZ430 single disc	Single plate	F&S 430	Single dry disc
Gearbox	Volvo G8.EGS	MAN Tipmatic automated	Scania GR801R Opticruise	ZF8S.180	Volvo I-Shift
Speeds	8+1	12+1	8+1	8+1	12+4
Front axle	Volvo IFS	MAN VOS-08-B independent	Scania AM1700D independent	ZF RL75E	Volvo IFS
Rear axle	Volvo single reduction	MAN rigid HY-1336B single reduction	Scania ADA1300	ZF A132	Volvo single reduction
Rear axle ratio	2.85:1	3.36:1	2.92:1	2 93-1	2.85:1
Suspension - front	IFS air sprung	Electronic regulated U bellows	Independent air sprung - 2 bellows	Independent air sprung	IFS air sprung
Suspension - rear	Rigid air sprung	Electronic regulated U bellows	Rigid air sprung - 4 bellows	Rigid air sprung	Rigid air sprung
Brakes	434mm discs	432mm discs	430mm discs	430mm discs	434mm discs
Retarder	Volvo compact hydraulic	ZF Intarder	Scania hydraulic intarder	ZF Intarder	Volvo compact hydraulic
Wheels	8.25x22.5	8.25x22.5	9.00x22.5	8.25x22.5	8.25x22.5
Tyre size	295/80R22.5	295/80R22.5	315/80R22.5	295/80R22.5	295/80R22.5
Fuel tanks capacity -litres	600	525	560	500	600
Noise @60kph					
Front/centre/rear Noise @ 80kph	62/63.9/64.8	56.8/59.5/62	60.3/65.3/65	62.6/67/64.2	59.3/63.2/64
Front/centre/rear Noise @ 100kph	63.8/64.7/65.2	60.1/60.8/64.3	61.7/68.9/69	66.5/67.8/64.2	62.3/66/63.3
Front/centre/rear Turning circle L/R	68.1/67.9/67.5	63.9/63.6/66.2	65.4/66.2/67.7	70.7/69/64.7	65.7/67.9/66.4
between two walls,	21.2 / 20.05	21 /7 / 21 26	00 / 01 / 0	24 (2 (22 7	0. /= / /
in metres	21.2 / 20.95	21.47 / 21.26	22 / 21.48	21.42 / 20.7	21.47 / 21.26
Price in Euros	90,000 (body)	245,000	255,000	225,000	250,000

Performance						
Acceleration from stand still in seconds	0-50 km/h	0-80 km/h	0-100 km/h	0-400m	0-1000m	
Hispano Divo	13.52	29.98	36.17 (0-90)	29.745	52.985	
MAN Lion's Star	14.46	27.31	41.49	28.865	51.445	
Scania Irizar PB	16.48	30.59	41.60	30.250	53.505	
Solaris Vacanza	10.39	24.09	36.92	27.035	49.220	
Volvo 9700	14.33	29.05	43.32	29.920	52.575	
Elasticity from 70 km/h (highest gear)	70-80 km/h	70-90 km/h	70-100 km/h	400m	1000m	
Hispano Divo	5.93	11.53	N.A.	17.030	39.085	
MAN Lion's Star	6.07	12.50	19.44	17.190	38.435	
Scania Irizar PB	6.15	11.98	18.23	17.675	38.725	
Solaris Vacanza	6.60	12.82	19.28	17.260	38.755	
Volvo 9700	6.70	12.75	19.40	17.260	38.935	

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the engine.

The dash fridge apparently has a capacity of 91 33cl cans, though I confess I did not check this claim. A substantial Frenzel servery had push button controls and opened and closed well. I thought the ABS trays were somewhat flimsy and awkward and the

Euro Test line-up. One year on my impression was, if anything, even better. The finish was outstanding.

The cab layout on the Lion's Star is one of the best around with everything laid out logically and in the correct place. The in cab noise level was very low with the 460bhp MAN engine just discern-

able. It was matched to 12 speed ZF AS.Tronic transmission on which MAN alter the set-up and call it the Tipmatic. After an early bad experience I've come to really like the AS.Tronic, which gives

sion, excellent retardation from the in-built intarder and smooth, grabfree, fade-free braking from the foundation brakes.

Winding along the Lake road there was little chance for any real speed but the Lion's Star quietly went about its business without fuss. It could be driven very

smoothly and without effort - a real pleasure.

Once into the open you could call for more power and it was there in abundance, surging effortlessly forward up to cruisnow being delivered to an increasing number of European markets.

Designed to make a bold statement, both the interior and exterior require a reaction from the beholder, and the initial one will invariably be positive. Already a very individual looking vehicle, the test PB's black based livery



The interior of the Scania K124 Irizar PB.

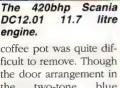
with intricate side patterns served to accentuate the difference between it and the other competitors.

From the first sight the passenger has when the door opens, everything has been sculpted to look inviting with straight lines avoided wherever possible. The step edgings, the dash, the rack edges, the air conditioning vents, the integrated video monitor housing, all are rounded to be easy on

the eye. The same applies to the Irizar designed seats, trimmed in green and beige leather on the test coach. Attractively contoured, I found them well equipped, comfortable and with an excellent degree of recline.

A worthwhile innovation that Irizar anticipate will be copied elsewhere is a camera trained on the guide that enables passengers to see her during her presentation on the standard coach monitors. It has to be safer for the guide who can remain in her seat with her seatbelt on, instead of having to stand in the aisle or kneel on the first seat facing backwards in order to make eye contact with passengers. The leather trimmed courier seat was a good one, complete with fold down footrest.

I have been critical of some Irizar toilet units in the past but thought this had plentiful headroom, good access and a convection radiator. The light was switch operated, thus the passenger did not have to shut the door before it came on, as on some other vehicles, though this did give the potential for it being left on. I would have liked more handrails to assist less able passengers up the centre stairs. For some passengers sat on the right of the bus, the



the door arrangement in two-tone blue moulded toilet unit was good, as was the headroom, the other dimenwere less sions generous. I liked the floor level lighting provided in addition to the main light that comes on when the door is locked. Struggling into the compartment and shutting the door, only to find dark can be a frightening

experience for a passenger.

Among the mechanical aspects worthy of note were a cruise control system with a feature called Brake Matic that also holds the vehicle's speed when travelling down hill.

The Tipmatic gearbox, which has MAN's own electronics, was criticised by several judges for being slightly slower to react than a standard AS. Tronic system. A problem starting on hills was experienced by some. MAN pointed out that there is a separate button that can be pressed to make the vehicle more easily handled in tight manoeuvring situations and it was also revealed that a steering wheel mounted gear change system is being developed. Overall though, there was predominantly praise for the coach, especially for its suspension, which proved extremely successful at ironing out bumps in the road with the minimum of transmission through to the driver and passengers.

Rob on the Road

I was hugely impressed with the Lion's Star and its bigger brother the Lion's Top Star when I drove them last year and it was no surprise to find it in this year's Coach



you are completely in the Rob Orchard at the wheel of the Scania K124 Irizar PB.

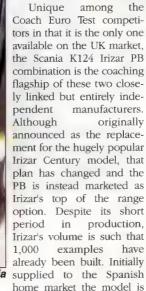
you the option of using it in either manual or automatic. It is simple to use with manual mode useful for manoeuvring at slow speed or on long climbs where you want to hold on to a gear.

The Lion's Star performed impeccably. It had light steering with just the right amount of feel, smooth ride thanks to the excellent independent front suspen-

ing speed. Running at full speed on the cruise control the engine was pulling just 1200 revs.

I still think MAN have made a major blunder not engineering a right hand drive version - if ever there was a coach that could increase its presence in the UK, this is it.

Scania K124 M Irizar PB





The entrance arrangement on the Scania Irizar is as sculpted as the exterior.

Supple Full Paris

overhead rack obscured the midships video monitor.

It isn't only the interior that is passenger pleasing. The ride was excellent and, thanks to the aerodynamic qualities, noise levels at the front were also low. The climate control system was very

effective though you were perhaps more aware of its operation than on the MAN.

I have from the outset been ambivalent about the The extraordinary exterior styling with the bulbous dome has grown on me, and I liked it to start with, though I still feel that areas of the exterior finish are inconsistent. Inside, the scalloped racks, sculpted ceiling and Scania designed seats are among the elements that make this one of the most aesthetically beautiful interiors I

is very comfortable. I like the bank of function switches at the side but hate the illogicality of the layout. Powered window switches, which can be confused, with door switches are not a good idea.

Equipped with the 420 Scania diesel matched to Scania's eight I did it at a set of lights on an up grade. The engine was a little reluctant to restart and there was a delay between asking for the gear and it selecting, enough to lose the lights and causing the engine to stall again. After missing a couple of light changes and annoying the oh so patient Italian motorists,

Solaris Vacanza 12

By any standards, the Solaris concern, based at Bolechowo in Poland has achieved a huge amount in a short period of time. Taking the Kangaroo as its

emblem, it started building its own Urbino bus design only in 1999. though it had constructed low floor Neoplan designs for three years prior to that. It has nevertheless developed an impressive portfolio of products, most of them for the bus market, and to compliment these it surprised the industry with the unveiling of the Vacanza coach Busworld two years ago. Development of the product had only commenced at the beginning of 2001





Alone among the contestants, the Solaris not quite as precise in that Vacanza featured the DAF XE315C engine. department as the Lion's

have ever seen on a standard coach. Set against this are two significant negative points in the over wide C pillars, which effectively mean that passengers sitting next to them have a limited view out, and the rear corner pillars which protrude too far into the interior with the result that only four seats can comfortably be installed there. Admittedly, in 44 seat configuration seat spacings can reduce the impact of the C pillar, but not everyone will be specifying the coach in this way. I was also concerned that the twin pull-down front screen blinds coupled with the deep front dome further limited passenger vision.

The weight, at 14,370kg for a 44 seat coach, was higher than one would like, luggage capacity at 5.68 cubic metres was the least of the five, while the price quoted was more than any of the other participants.

Rob on the Road

Another model I am well acquainted with after helping to bring the UK prototype back to the mainland last year. There is so much good about the PB and yet so much that isn't. The cab is very well planned in concept terms and

The Solaris Vacanza 12.

speed box with Opticruise, the coach handled well with very precise steering. Thanks to the independent suspension it was also very smooth, though perhaps Star. Performance was

excellent with ample power and good ratio spread. Braking both with and without the retarder was just as you would expect it to be totally on top of the job.

I quite like Opticruise as it gives you that choice between manual or automatic at the flick of

we were under way again and I didn't forget to dip the clutch next time.

The PB is a cruiser at its happiest on the Autostrada. There the programmable make it happy to progress Solaris Vacanza. smoothly and effortlessly for hour after hour, as I had found coming up through France last year.

I've criticised the PB cab before and this was no better. Somewhere along the way the Irizar designers got seduced by the styling and forgot about things like cup holders, change recepta-



cruise control and retarder One of the front dome windows on the

and following the Busworld appearance a thorough testing programme was carried out at DAFs Dutch test track and at the WABCO facility in Germany, with production starting in April 2002.

Successfully achieving the difficult task of looking nothing like anything already on the market, the Vacanza and the family led team behind it, immediately started winning friends, and have continued to do so ever since. In common with most other observers, I had some fairly serious criticisms of the first Vacanza, and it has been noticeable how carefully Solaris have listened to what has been said, acting rapidly to improve the design in many key areas. It is proof of how successful they have been that the Vacanza was not only able to participate in the Coach Euro Test, it was able to do so on equal terms with manufacturers that have long coaching pedigrees, despite the test vehicle being only the 25th Vacanza built.

The vehicle's appearance is undeniably different. A characteristic I have not previously seen on a coach is that it gets progressively higher from the front to the rear, peaking at 3830mm. Slim window pillars slope alternately in different



The driver's area on the Solaris Vacanza 12, showing the pivoting central entertainment console.

the lever, but I don't think it is quite as good as AS-Tronic or the new Volvo I-Shift. Inevitably unless you drive with it all the time, there comes that moment when you forget to dip the clutch.

cles and places for the various bits and pieces you need when you are driving long distances. I felt more could also have been done for the courier in this respect.

directions resulting in trapezoid shaped bonded side windows. The wedge profile, gently rounded corners, concealed roof air conditioning and rear spoiler are intended to give the Vacanza strong aerodynamic qualities, while the asymmetrical front panel and large glazed front dome pan-

els ensure that it isn't going to be mistaken for anything else on the road.

Of integral stainless steel space-frame construction, the DAF XE315C 430bhp engine with ZF8S.180 transmission and hydraulic intarder powers the Vacanza. If the body is distinctive the componentry will be familiar to most operators as it includes a ZF RL75E independent front axle,

that could be pivoted to face either the driver or courier was a novel idea.

Driver's are going to need educating about the increasing height or it will be all too easy to get the vehicle stuck under bridges and other barriers. Otherwise they eight speed manual transmission with intarder. I thought it somewhat unrefined and found the cab dated in design, plasticky in finish and not particularly comfortable.

The pillar positions gave a couple of nasty blind spots but otherwise the vision was good. The not doubt it will improve. There was enough evidence to show that there is basically a good product here, which with a bit of refinement could become very successful

Volvo 9700

It was a surprise to me that Volvo did not choose to enter its flagship 9900 model, built the former plant in Drogmoller Heilbronn, Germany and a real head-turner at recent shows, particularly in the special livery used to promote the Volvo Ocean Race. Instead it chose to send the more mainstream 9700 coach, a very well rounded performer but without one panache of its sister.



The Volvo 9700.

might reasonably expect to look through the glazed overhead front section and assume they are safe.

Overall you have to be impressed with how far Solaris have come in such a short period of

time, while at the same time recognising that in some areas there is still a little way to go to match the finesse of some of the longer established integral manufacturers. The feel was very solid but though the driveline was neither particularly noisy nor rough, some of the others were quieter

coach handled well steering was nice and precise and it rode well thanks to independent suspension though this was not as good as the Lion's Star or the

I felt the engine was not nearly as quiet as Euro3 DAF engines I've experienced in vehicles like the latest Van Hool bodied DAF SB4000s and the Bova Futura, lacking the smoothness in power delivery. The ZF manual box had a good ratio spread and gearchanging was light and positive. I presume Solaris had speci-



The interior of the Volvo 9700.

Built entirely at the vast Wroclaw plant in Poland, from whence an increasing amount of Volvo's production emanates, the 9700 is unmistakably a development of the Carrus family of steel framed coachwork that has served Volvo well for some time. Underneath is the rear engined variant of the all stainless steel TX platform that is marketed in chassis form as the B12B.

Volvo was the first of the major car manufacturers to prove that you could successfully sell vehicles on the strength of good safety features and it has continued this tradition on the 9700, which comes complete with booster safety cushions for children and a video telling passengers all about safety issues. There is also an airline-style leaflet showing the position of all safety equipment including the window hammers, roof hatches and fire extinguishers, as well as giving instructions on how to operate them. It also advises passengers to wear their seatbelts. Every seat was equipped with two point belts with only the exposed ones equipped with three point units. There was also an alcolock device that prevented the coach being driven if the driver's breath contained alcohol. Another positive safety feature was a rear view camera that hid



The Volvo 9700 has a rear camera that only comes out when reverse gear is selected, ensuring that the lens does not become dirty.

ZF A-132 rear axle and ZF 8098 servocom steering, while the air conditioning system is the Sutrak AC353 and other parts are from leading manufacturers.

Inside it had a flat gangway

The interior of the Volvo 9700.

with the green and grey leather trimmed Kiel seats mounted on shallow podiums. The central roof was flat with suede like trim applied and the ambience was a relaxed and comfortable one of which one judge commented that it made you feel like you were going on holiday. A good point is that passengers are provided with a top screen wiper in addition to the lower one for the benefit of the driver. The standard of mouldings was quite high though some fixings were a little suspect and there was evidence of grubby fingers on some trim joins. Overhead racks were solid and of a good size. The toilet compartment had good headroom but slightly less shoulder room and was easy to get in and out of. A small fridge was built into the toilet unit side, but required a key to open it every time and the flap appeared to be a poor fit.

While the driver's area was spacious, the position was low and I found the dash rather plasticy, while a central mounted CD

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and smoother and their standard of interior detail work was nearer to perfection.

Rob on the Road

This was the first time I had driven a Vacanza with its 428 bhp DAF XE engine matched to ZF fied the manual box for price reasons but undoubtedly this would be a much better coach with AS-Tronic fitted.

This was only the 25th Vacanza built and it is obvious that Solaris are on a learning curve and I have

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away other than when reverse was selected, thereby ensuring the lens would be clean when it was need-

Wide entrances at the front and centre, as well as substantial well-placed hand rails made

boarding easier for passengers. The courier set did protrude slightly into the aisle but folding it away revealed another useful handle. A frontloading fridge was mounted to the window side of the courier seat. The gangway was slightly sunken with hard-wearing edges running along the edge podiums. the Substantial and spacious open racks with flat bottoms incorporated plain but functional service units in the underside.

Finished in a combination of cloth and leather and complete with lap belts, they featured an excellent degree of recline,

enhanced by the seat squab sliding forward at the same time. Adjustable footrests, ashtrays, coat hooks, magazine nets and double handles were incorporated as well as a larger than average fold-down table with cup holder, though there was no armrest on the window side

A relatively narrow door and insufficient room at the rear were failings of the toilet compartment though headroom was fine and it was well equipped. A second light came on inside when the door was locked. The air conditioning was effective, the ride was good and both full draw curtains and blinds were provided.

There was a lot that was good considered

quintessentially

about the 9700, which could be Swedish. Everything about it was finished to a very high standard inside and out, there was nothing that anyone could take violent objection to and it was certainly



less fuel economic.

Rob on the Road

Another coach which I have

previously driven when in

Sweden. This one had the Carrus

styled body but was actually built

The Solaris Vacanza 12 skirts Lake Maggiori on the road test.

comfortable, but somehow it was completely lacking in flair. Dull would be too strong a word, but there was nothing about it to evoke a passionate response or create excitement in the onlooker or the passenger. However, from the driver and operator point of view it did everything you wanted of it and looked a comparatively good value for money package. There was attention to important details such as the necessary daily checks, which were easier to perform on the Volvo than on any of the others, and there was almost universal praise among jurors for the I-Shift gearbox, though one felt that it changed at relatively high revs, and would therefore be

It was a B12B with the 420bhp engine but what was of real interest was the fact that it had Volvos new I-Shift transmission. This is similar to AS-Tronic giving you the choice between manual or automatic changes and with no clutch pedal. I had never driven one before but within a couple of miles I was totally at home with it. It is good, very good, in fact I would have to say it is even better than AS-Tronic and to my mind the best of all the transmissions featured in the test. Moving from manual to automatic was simple and the changes were made much quicker than on the AS-Tronic, where there is always a little lag.

The TX platform is good. The

steering, independent suspension and braking are all top notch. I still feel the Volvo independent suspension is not quite as precise as some of the others especially in the rear engined configuration. It has a front-end lightness, which is not apparent on the Lion's Star for

example.

The cab layout on the Volvo is good although I am not sure whether I really like the retro style of the instrumentation and they have thought about the driver with plenty of storage space.

I disliked the sliding driver's window. This had a release catch which was fiddly to use especially when you needed to open the window quickly. I assume it had this feature to prevent wind noise, but it didn't. An electrically operated window would have been preferable.

The coach is another good cruiser. It effortlessly eats the kilometres, requiring little from the driver to keep it on track.

Finally

The winner will not be announced until 1 October, and the familiar Coach of the Year trophy will be presented soon after at the Busworld exhibition in Kortrijk. We hope this overview of the candidates has given you an insight into their merits. Look out for next week's B&CB when we will bring you the result of the Coach of the Year 2003 judging.

By Stuart Jones and **Rob Orchard**



Vastly different rear styling was exhibited on the five Coach Euro Test candidates.



An impressive display of visiting Macbraynes vehicles, mainly from members of the Macbraynes circle: From left: Bedford VAS Mailbus, Bedford OLAZ Mailbus, Bedford C2, Bedford SB, AEC Reliance, Thornycroft Nippy and Maudslay Marathon.

Lothalmond 2003

A 45 acre site, more than a dozen buildings containing 170 vehicles, and a waiting list! The sheer scale and quality of the Scottish Vintage Bus Museum (SVBM) at Lothalmond in Fife quickly made an impression on the first-time vis-

itor to the annual open weekend in mid-August.

The origin of the SVBM goes back to the mid 1980s when a group of preservation societies and vehicle owning individuals agreed on the benefits of a national bus museum for Scotland. The original site, capable of housing just 40 vehicles was opened in 1986 at Whitburn between Glasgow and Edinburgh. Adjacent to a dairy, the latter's expansion plans resulted in an unrefusable offer for the site in

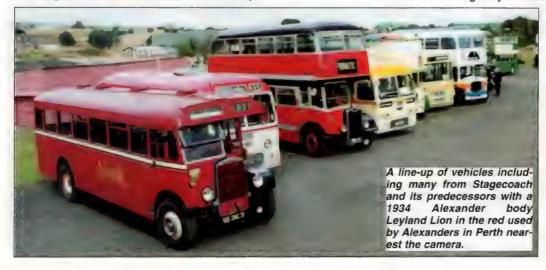
1994 and the opportunity to acquire larger premises for the museum's growing collection. The search for a suitable new location identified the availability of the former Royal Navy munitions depot at Lothalmond, in a secluded loca-



Visitors from south of the border included a Newcastle Corporation AEC Regent with Northern Coachbuilders bodywork.



Representing the more refined Daimler utility bus, this 1945 Duple bodied example from Aberdeen has recently been rebuilt to the style in which it was originally delivered.



tion north of Dunfermline but close to the M90. Around half of this site was eventually acquired and the move from Whitburn took place in 1995.

The new site provided many opportunities including the allocation of buildings to specific uses, in particular separating workshop, storage and exhibition areas as well as providing for a bar and function room.

Renovation and fitting out of the workshop was the first priority. Improved floors, walls and lighting now complement a comprehensive range of equipment that would be the envy of many smaller operators. The workshop is divided into generous work stations reflecting the scale of the works carried out on many of the vehicles, the work in progress including total body rebuilds on both wooden (Leyland Lion PLSC) and metal (Alexander T type) framed bodies. A workshop annex in an adjacent building provides further restoration capacity.

Two notable vehicles in the workshop were an almost completed Guy Arab utility double-decker and a standard 1930s SMT style body recently recovered from a farm in South Wales. The Guy

chassis had originated in Plymouth and spent many years with an East Anglian farmer whilst the Duple body was once on a Northampton Daimler. The museum has restored and married the two components to produce a generic utility bus that will be finished in a typical Scottish livery. The SMT body will be similarly rebuilt and married to an appropriate chassis recovered elsewhere, before being finished to the high standards for which the workshops are renowned.

The second building to be renovated provided the main exhibition hall, cafeteria and shop.



The Seddon Pennine 7 was developed with the needs of the Scottish Bus Group in mind. Two contrasting Alexander body styles are carried by these Eastern Scottish examples. The 1976 vehicle has the M type body for long distance express work with the 1978 vehicle carrying a dual purpose T type body.



Following disenchantment with the Bristol VRT, the Daimler Fleetline became the standard Scottish Bus Group double-decker of the early 1970s. This 1971 example originating with Central SMT has recently been restored to the Eastern Scottish colours worn for most of its life in the group.

Sealed floors and good lighting provide a pleasant atmosphere to view the vehicles and artefacts displayed, the latter including a complete Leyland National front section now in the colours of McGills, Barrhead. The exhibits relate not just the history of the

motor bus in Scotland but also the contribution of Scottish manufacturing to the bus industry. Whilst a 1928 Glasgow liveried open-staircase Leyland TD1 currently takes pride of place, almost equal prominence is given to a 1980 Guy Victory with Alexander bodywork



Two of the many Macbraynes vehicles were a 1950 Thornycroft Nippy with 20 seat Croft body and a 1949 Maudslay Marathon III with Park Royal body that spent a while with a showman before being preserved.



The wooden body of a Leyland Lion PLSC being totally rebuilt in the museum's well-equipped workshops.



One of two Hong Kong buses on display, this 1980 Leyland Fleetline was fitted with a 92 seat Alexander body for China Motor Bus and was one of the last of the type to operate for CMB's successors, New World First Bus, whose 'Peak' service advertising it carries.



In the colours of Docherty's Midland Coaches, this immaculate Leyland TS7 is labelled up for a wedding hire, an activity enjoying a renaissance in Scotland with a number of operators painting vehicles in specific liveries for the purpose.

returned from China Motor Bus in Hong Kong

A further large building serves as the 'running shed' housing restored and roadworthy vehicles. For the open weekend this shed was emptied and the vehicles displayed in company groups around the site. The remaining buildings house specific collections and a significant number of vehicles awaiting their turn for restoration. With around 170 vehicles in total, the current site is full and a waiting list now exists for spaces vacated by vehicles moving on to museums and other uses elsewhere.

Although principally a bus museum, a small number of commercials, such as a Cardiff Fire Tender based on an AEC bus chassis compliment the displays. A 1970s AEC car transporter carries an appropriate load of Morris Marina, Hillman Avenger and similar (un)popular cars of the era. The railway history of the site (there were over 2 miles of railway on it in naval days) has not been neglected. A group maintains a small selection of stock and a short section of railway, including the original engine shed.

The open weekend gives the opportunity for visiting vehicles to join those from the museum in enhancing the company displays around the site. Particularly attractive were the Macbraynes and Edinburgh displays where consistency of livery style for many years was well demonstrated. Taking full advantage of the site's size, the considerable distance between some of the display groups was bridged by an internal shuttle bus service. This was operated by both museum and visiting vehicles giving visitors the chance to sample, amongst others, the relatively ornate interior of the 1950 Northern Coachbuilders bodied AEC Regent from Newcastle and the more spartan Northern Counties full front bodied Daimler previously used by Hunter of Kilmarnock on the A1 service. A reduced size replica 1920s Leyland Lion powered by BL mini units was also very active in transporting visitors around.

The good weather on the weekend made open-top tours to view the Forth Bridges popular and good loadings were experienced on the free service linking with the outside world at Dunfermline bus station. Although the open weekend is the SVBM's main bus event of the year, the museum is open for visitors on Sundays from May to September. Access from the M90 at Junction 4 is via the B914 to the M90 Commerce Park. Details of other events at the museum can be found on the www.busweb.co.uk/svbm website.

By David Cole



Western's coach fleet carried an attractive black and white livery, demonstrated on a 1974 Alexander bodied Leyland Leopard.



Representing the First Glasgow fleet, was one of the high specification East Lancs bodied tri-axle Volvo B7L Nordic double deckers based on a design originally supplied to Copenhagen.



Alexander blue livery carries Cravens body- hall is the 1980 China Motor Bus work of a style which formed the basis of Alexander bodied Guy Victory 2 repthat manufacturer's body for a batch of resenting Scottish product for the London RTs.



This 1948 Guy Arab III in standard A key exhibit in the main exhibition world market.



Viewed from this angle, only the faint outline of the driver set back towards the entrance indicates that this replica Leyland Lion is less than full size.



Left: Two utterly English buses on display were a Chester City Transport Guy Arab V with Northern Counties body and a Morecambe & Heysham AEC Regent III Park Royal.

Right: New in 1967, this Bristol MW6G ECW coach joined Stagecoach from Western National in 1980 and is now part of the group's heritage fleet.









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	11.00	On-site shuttle starts operating
	12.00	Duxford Village Tours start, book at Rally
		Control
	14.30	Final call for judges
	15.45	Prize Presentation in front of Rally Control
	15.59	Bus to Whittlesford Station from
ı		Museum entrance
ı	16.00	Free bus to Cambridge from Museum
ı		entrance
ı	16.15	Last Duxford Tour departs
I	16.30	On site shuttle finishes
ı	17.00	Free bus to Cambridge from Museum
ı		entrance
ı	17.00	Rally disperses
ı	18.00	Last free bus to Cambridge from
		Museum entrance
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Time Vehicle

1200	Maidstone & District banana boat
	- entry 299
1215	Hartlepool RELL - entry 298
1230	Northern General Atlantean - entry 2
1245	Wheel Museum rebodied singledeck
	Atlantean - entry 297
1300	First York artic - entry 41

1315 Auwarter Museum Neoplan - entry 202

1330 Bristol Greyhound MW - entry 294

1345 First York artic - entry 41

I400 Gemini Mercedes - entry 291 & Maidstone & District banana boat - entry 299

1415 Andrews Seddon Pennine VII - entry 295 1430 Hedingham Yarmouth Titan - entry 293

1445 Birmingham Crossley - entry 292

Bucklands UCOC MW - entry 290
Burtons Dennis Dart SLF - entry 289

& Maidstone & District banana boat - entry 299

1530 Tyne Valley Leopard - entry 288

1545 Bedford YRQ - entry 2871600 Mulley's Setra - entry 286

1615 Hartlepool RELL - entry 298

This list is for indication only as some vehicles may not be available on the day but others will be substituted in their place.

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Welcome to the 31st EFE SHOWBUS International 2003 Rally

e are delighted that you have been able to join us for the biggest event of the year in the bus and coach industry and enthusiasts' calendar. Coming at the end of season it is an opportunity to review all that's new in the bus world and the advances in preservation. It is also the occasion when you can find those bargains on our

huge line of stalls.

The event's prestige is largely thanks to the enormous support of the bus world's leading model maker, Exclusive First Editions. Two of their models are exclusively linked with the event today. A strictly limited edition Southdown Leyland Titan - which graces the engraved plinths which accompany each of the 40 plus prizes awarded today - and a brand new casting of the Leyland Olympian in Southern Vectis livery which can be bought exclusively from EFE's marquis. The display of Olympians as buses enter the site is in celebration of this.

We are grateful for the support of all our sponsors. First has provided the prize money today and the impressive display of their vehicles from all over the country. Transbus has sponsored the souvenir plaques presented to each entrant. Further sponsorship is from Wallace Arnold, Motts Travel, Lutonian and Red Rose for support, display and promotional vehicles. Our thanks too to Bus & Coach Preservation, Classic Bus and Buses magazines for their support and last, but by no means least, to Bus and Coach Buyer for producing this excellent programme.

We extend a particularly warm welcome to our overseas visitors. For the first time the Auwarter Museum, Stuttgart has entered one of the original Neoplan Skyliners from the personal collection of Konrad Auwarter. Also from Holland, from the NZH Vervoer Museum, we are expecting two

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Dutch buses including what is thought to be the only American built Bus & Car Eagle in Europe. Finally from Hong Kong, our friends at KMB who arranged the gold Transbus Trident ALX500 for the Golden Jubilee parade last year are supporting us again with one of their latest fleet additions. We are very grateful to our colleagues abroad for arranging these attractions.

It is the 100th anniversary of Eastbourne Buses and the 75th anniversary of Lincolnshire Road Car and we welcome entries from their fleets.

The pride that many bus industry members take in their products and services will be evident today. You will see examples of the latest in luxury coaches as well as the huge advances in attractive, environmentally friendly, easy-access buses from operators all over the country as they respond to the challenge to make bus travel an alternative to the car in the battle to reduce both pollution and congestion.

Our thanks to all those who have helped out today - the marshals, programme sellers and judges (whose task is both onerous and agonising). A lot of effort and enthusiasm goes into bus preservation these days and we extend our thanks to all those individuals who have made strenuous efforts in helping us to present Britain's Biggest Bus and Coach Rally to you today.

We hope that you have a great day at EFE SHOWBUS see you same time next year - Sunday September 26th 2004!



PRIZES

Last year's winners are shown in brackets.

The Preservation awards are weighted by various pre disclosed factors and the top 25 vehicles on this basis are presented with special Doyen plaques.

Operator Awards

Best FirstGroup vehicle (post 1979) £75 & First trophy (First Manchester Salford Olympian)

Runner Up £25 from First (First Aberdeen gold bus) Best First corporate vehicle £20 from First (First Essex Optare Solo)

Runner Up £10 from First

Best New Millennium bus (Brighton & Hove Gold Trident

Best New Millennium coach (Woottens B12M)

Best New Millennium mini (less than 34 seat) (Gemini Buscycle)

Best local authority owned (Wirral Jubilee RM)

Best local operator * (PPH Ford T152) Best small operator * (Safeguard AEC)

Best London bus # (London United Gold Trident)

Best Stagecoach vehicle (post 79)

(Stagecoach East Kent Titan)

Best Arriva vehicle (post 79)

(Arriva Midlands North Bus of Tomorrow)

Premier Operator Award - (First Northampton) Best Modern Vehicle (London United Gold Trident)

Preservation Awards

Best in show £100 from First (Provincial AEC Regent I

Doyen Doubledeck £50 from First (Birmingham Crossley 2489)

Doyen Singledeck £50 from First (Alexander Tiger BMS206)
Best Bristol/ECW £15 from First (Midland General MW DNU20C

Best AEC/Park Royal £15 from First (Routemaster RMC1477)

Best Leyland £15 from First (BCN Tiger BHG755)
Best MCW/Weymann £15 from First (RTL554)
Best Plaxton/NCME/Duple £15 from First (BMMO CI KHA301)

Best preserved London bus £15 from First (RT1702)
Best Bedford £15 from First (OB LTA750))
Best East Lancs bodied £15 from First (Burnley Tiger

Best Alexander bodied £15 from First

Best niche vehicle (ie not included above) £15 from First (Doncaster Regent)
Top Rally attender £15 from First (Doncaster Regent)
Most Improved vehicle judged since EFE Showbus 2002 £15 from First

Vehicle Awards
Pre Elizabethan (1950 & before), 1951-1959, Sixties doubledeck, Sixties singledeck, Seventies doubledeck, Seventies singledeck, Eighties doubledeck, Eighties singledeck, Nineties doubledeck, Nineties singledeck

Best Neoplan and Best Olympian.

Winners of Prizes presented only at EFE **SHOWBUS International 2002**

Pre Elizabethan (1951 & before)

(Bill Lawson's Aberdeen Albion)

Early Elizabethan (1952-69) (Stockport Titan)

Best 1952 Vehicle - Jubilee Award (Dundee Austin K8) Preserved Elizabethan doubledeck (Post 1970) (SELNEC VR)

Preserved Elizabethan singledeck (Post 1970)

(Bowers National)

In service Elizabethan doubledeck (Pre 2000)

(First Northampton BIOM)

In service Elizabethan singledeck (Pre 2000)

(Stratford Blue Tiger)

Best Modern East Lancs (Whippets B7TL)

Best Open Topper (Stratford Blue Metrobus)

Best overseas entry (Dutch Leyland Worldmaster) Best overseas entry resident in UK (Fargo Dennis Condor)

Best Transbus modern vehicle

(First Blue Bus B10M/Plaxton)

Leyland National Anniversary Award

(Woottens demo National)

Bristol RE Anniversary Award (Midland General)

Modern Titan Award (London General gold T172)

Historic Titan Award (London RTW497)

Golden Jubilee Award (Kowloon Motor Bus Trident ALX500)

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2	First Northampton	WSU481	1992 Volvo B10M East Lancs First Northampton 122
4	First Eastern Counties	HIOIKVX	1989 Leyland Olympian Leyland First Eastern
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5	First South Yorkshire Ltd	TBA****	2003 Volvo BTTL Wright First South Yorkshire
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~~	First Eastern Counties	P451RPW	1997 Dennis Dart SLF Plaxton First 451
23	First Eastern Counties Bus	P768XHS	1996 Volvo B10M Plaxton First Eastern Counties 57
24	Colin Pretty	YS03ZKM	2003 Scania N113 Wright First Eastern National 684
25	First Hampshire & Dorset	V806EFB	1999 Volvo B6BLE Wright First Hampshire & Dorset
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26	First in Huddersfield	N213WRD	1994 Dennis Dart Plaxton First in Huddersfield
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27	Leon Wells	P770XHS	1997 Volvo B10M Plaxton First Eastern Counties 52
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29	First Eastern Counties	S753SNG	1998 Dennis Dart SLF Plaxton First Eastern Counties
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30	First Glasgow	Y949RTD	2001 Volvo B10BLE Wright First Glasgow SV611
41	First in York	TBA7	2001 B7TL/Alexander ALX400
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52	First London	N3 I OJBV	1995 Yolvo Olympian N Counties First London VIO
53	First London	LT02ZRM	2000 Dennis Trident Plaxton First London TNL1140
61	First London	T336ALR	1998 Dennis Dart SLF Marshall First London DML336
62	First London	809JYC	1998 Dennis Dart SLF Marshall First London DML408
63	First London	LT03XXX	2003 Dennis Dart SLF Caetano First DHL5xx
64	First London	TBA**	2003 Dennis Dart Caetano First London DHL5*
70	Cliff Jardine	TBA**	Bluebird AARE DP61F First Student EX1
71	First South Yorkshire	F295PTP	1988 Dennis Dominator East Lancs First South
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72 73	First Bristol Buses	A949SAE	1984 Bristol Olympian Roe Bristol Omnibus C9549
13	Richard Alger	625BVG	1992 Leyland Olympian Leyland Eastern Counties DD25
79	First Potteries	CODI VACIDI	Leyland Tiger Plaxton First Potteries 60002
80	First Chester	R873ERE	1997 Scania L113 Wright Chester P&R 60107
82		PWS491S	1978 Leyland Leopard Plaxton Badgerline 2098
83	First Group Enthusiasts First Essex	AIN825	1939 Bristol KSG ECW Westcliffe Motor Services 825
84	Mr Charlie Powell	WN0479	1953 Bristol KSW5G ECW Eastern National 2383
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89	Tony Peart	DN668	1954 AEC Regent III Roe York Pullman 64
90	Bill Tutty	MOR581	1954 AEC Reliance Weymann Aldershot & District
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92	Trevor Walters	NSG869	1955 Albion Nimbus Omnibus Berresfords 25
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106	Dons Coaches	NKY161	1957 Bedford SB Yeates Dons Coaches
107	Len Wright	6750CY	1962 Bedford SB3 Duple Crimson Tours
112	Felix Taxis & Co	DBU889	1947 Bedford OB Duple Felix Taxis
113	Tim Wootton	LTA750	1948 Bedford OB Duple Southern National 1141
114	Mr L G Cooper	GWY101	1950 Bedford OB Duple Leathers Coaches
115	Edwin Darby	LNA367	1950 Bedford OB Duple
120	135 Group '	C135VRE	1985 Mercedes 608D conversion D&G Bus & Coach
121	Royal Mail	W***BOY	2000 LDY Convoy LDY Royal Mail W
122	Byeways Mid Coach	ATTLDN	1994 Mercedes 709D Mercedes Byeways
123	Al Minicoach Co.UK	505KYO	1990 Toyota Coaster Caetano Al Minicoach.co.uk 4
124	Al Minicoach Co.UK	W457LBD	2000 Ford Tourneo Ford Al Minicoach.co.uk 3
125	Al Minicoach Co.UK	YY52GGP	2002 LDY Convoy LDV
123	ATTIMICOACIT CO.OR	1132001	AlMinicoach.co.uk 2
126	Al Minicoach Co.UK	R280TKV	1998 LDV Convoy LDV
120	ATTIMICONCII CO.OR	ILLOUIN!	Al Minicoach.co.uk
127	Al Minicoach Co.UK	Y904LHU	2000 Ford Transit Ford
121	ATTHIRCOZCI CO.OK	TAVALITO	
120	Dah Elamina	OUM727P	Al Minicoach.co.uk 5
128	Bob Fleming		1974 Bedford J2 Caetano
129	R.G. Enterprises	F386AAH	1989 Ford Transit 120 Ford
120	M F C	FERMER	R.G. Enterprises 3
130	Mr E Stagg	E584LFB	1988 Mercedes 507D Transporter Morning Coache
131	Philip Coles	**53***	2003 Mercedes Vario Kevs Cars
132	A to B Travel	VO03NXH	2003 Mercedes Vario A to B Travel
133	A to B Travel	75ABT	2000 Mercedes Vito A to B Travel
134	A to B Travel	SN030AD	2003 Mercedes Vario KVC A to B Travel
135	Edward Miller	BHZ8955	1999 Mercedes 0814 Eurocoach McAvoys
136	James Boddice	E211BDV	1988 Ford Transit Mellor Pete's Travel
137	Richard Field	S228AGR	1999 Ford Transit Ford Avlon Motors
138	David Cott	P6780EH	1995 Ford Fiesta Ford Royal Mail 5890268
139	Gwent Diecast & Model Club		1999 Ford Transit Dormobile Capitol
140	North Bucks Preservation	D106VRP	1986 Mercedes L608D Robin Hood MK Citybus 100
150	Wallace Arnold	WA3399	1977 Volvo Ailsa B55
130	Transact Pariota	11113377	Alexander Wallace Arnold
151	Wallace Arnold	TBA-WA	2003 Volvo B12M Plaxton Wallace Arnold
152	Red Rose	K27WND	1992 Mercedes 709D MTM Red Rose
153	Motts Travel	TBA-MT	1900 Volvo BIOM Jonckheere Motts Travel
			2000 Dennis Dart MPD Plaxton Lutonian 922
154	Lutonian	W922INF	
155	Lutonian	JI34DUV	1991 Dennis Dart Plaxton Lutonian 134
157	Red Rose	RRO3BUS	Optare Solo
178	Notts & Derby	GAU728L	1972 Leyland National Leyland Notts & Derby
187	Original London Sightseeing To	UNICCCURIU	MCW Metrobus open top EMB 763
188	Patron Travel	01L4201	1988 MCW Metrobus (ex CMB Hong Kong)
189	Stagecoach London	LX03HDU	2003 Mercedes Citaro Mercedes Stagecoach Londo
			23029
196	Alec Head Coaches	GIZIVDX	1989 Dennis Falcon East Lancs Alec Head
197	Alec Head Coaches	H209LOM	1990 Scania N113DRB Alexander Alec Head
198	Yardley Wood Bus Club	N363W0H	1995 Volvo BIOB Wright Travel West Midlands 48
199	SOS Bus Proclaimers	GOE574V	1980 Mercedes 0305G Mercedes Proclaimers
200	NZH Vervoer Museum	AB-19-91	1966 Bus & Car SC B&C
			Belgium Eagle 118
201	NZH Vervoer Museum	BB-53-44	1966 Leyland LVS Verheul NHZ Public Transport 10
202	Auwarter Museum, Stuttgart	DGFAB67H	1968 Neoplan Skyliner Neoplan Neoplan
203	Les Mitchell	LIL9843	1988 Neoplan N/22/3 Neoplan Marchants Coaches
204	Cozy's	AI23RTL	1983 Neoplan Skyliner Neoplan Cozy Travel
205	His Church	A2GNT	
			1984 Neoplan Cubliner Neoplan His Church
206	Provence Private Hire	153XYC	1982 Neoplan Skyliner Neoplan PPH
208	His Church	YSV375	1980 Volvo 858 Plaxton His Church
209	His Church	JSC854E	1967 Leyland Atlantean Alexander His Church
210	Hedingham &	BCV204N	1074
211	District Omnibuses Ltd	RGV284N	1974 Leyland Leopard Willowbrook Hedingham L8
211	Hedingham & District	FILESTER	2002 D 1 D 100 T 1 11 11 11
	Omnibuses Ltd	EV03BZK	2003 Dennis Dart SLF Transbus Hedingham L328
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	District Omnibuses Ltd	TBA*	2003 Volvo B7TL Transbus
			Hedingham L330
213	Hedingham & District	EKSISBE	2001 Volvo BIOM Plaxton Hedingham L323
214	Hedingham & District	G995VWV	1990 Leyland Lynx Leyland Hedingham L321
215	Hedingham & District	EJ02KYY	2002 Dennis Dart MPD Plaxton Hedingham L326
220	Oxfordshire Playbus	YSSILSY	2001 Dennis Trident Plaxton Oxfordshire Playbus
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221 230 240	London United Herts County Council Phil Willson	SN03** K802DCF AB0145B	2003 Transbus Trident ALX400 London United TA3** 1992 MAN 11.190 Optare Intalink	319 320	Richard Sharman Stephensons of Essex Ltd	ANZ8798 EU03CF*	1991 Dennis Dart Carlyle Stratford Blue 698 2003 Dennis Dart SLF Transbus Stephensons of Essex 31/32
240 241 245	Valliant 63 Group	ABU1430	1964 AEC Reliance Harrington Western Welsh 145 1963 AEC Reliance Harrington Valliant Coaches 51	322	First Bristol Buses	2C075Md	1977 Leyland Leopard Plaxton Bristol Omnibus 2098
245	John Boston	129DPT	1959 AEC Reliance Plaxton OK Motor Services	322 323 324 325 326	Andrew Dolan	PWS492S PFN788M	1974 AFE Reliance Dunle Fast Kent
246	Burwell & District	12/011	1757 ACC Reliance Flaxion On Hotol Sciences	374	Mr D Potter	MNK423V	1980 Levland Lennard Dunle National Travel 1149
210	Bus Pres.Soc.	932BCE	1962 AEC Reliance Plaxton Burwell & District	375	Richard Sharman	8167XBU	1980 Leyland Leopard Duple National Travel 1149 1985 Leyland Tiger Plaxton Stratford Blue 767 1980 Leyland Leopard Plaxton Aqua Travel 1983 Bedford YNT Duple Suffolk County Council
250	Arriva/LT Museum	FITSPHM	1988 Volvo BIOM	326	Shaun Keasey	MGC338V	1980 Leviand Leonard Plaxton Agua Travel
	THITTING ET THOUGHT.		Alexander Grey Green 115	327	Suffolk County Council	A620YJR	1983 Bedford YNT Duple Suffolk County Council
251	Arriva London	NXP977	1954 AEC Regent 3RT Park Royal London Transport				EUZIO
			RT4712	328	Suffolk County Council	C304NHD	1986 Bedford YNT Plaxton Suffolk County Council
252	Travel West Midlands	Y719TOH	2001 Dennis Trident Alexander Travel West Midlands		•		232
			4128	329 330	lain Docherty	GSXI2IN	1975 Bedford YRT Alexander Lothian 121
253	Arriva London South	VLT6	1959 AEC Routemaster Park Royal Arriva London	330	BMC	TBA9	2003 BMC 850 Probus 850 Coopers
355	6. 1.6.	(AUEE2D	South RM6	375	Prestwood Travel	E48TYG	1988 Leyland Royal Tiger Roe Doyen Prestwood
255	Stagecoach East	L246SDY	1966 Bristol FLF6G ECW Stagecoach East 19953 1993 Yolvo Olympian N Counties Stagecoach in East	27/	tomor Codd	CALLEDE	Travel
256	Stagecoach in East Kent	LZ403U1	1993 Volvo Ulympian N Counties Stagecoach in East	376 378	James Sadd	C211PPE FAH275Y	1986 Leyland Tiger Plaxton St Clouds 1982 Yolvo B10M Plaxton C Feeling & Sons
257	Inquich Purse	DNESYDM	Kent 16246	379	Jonathan Joplin Mike's Travel	TBA***	1988 Mercedes O303 Mercedes Mike's Travel 17
257 258 261	Ipswich Buses Ipswich Buses	PN52XBM F705PTW	2002 DAF DB250LF East Lancs Ipswich Buses 100 1990 Leyland Olympian Alexander Ipswich Buses 38 1928 Leyland Lion PLSC3 Leyland Eastbourne 58	380	Redwing Coaches	YJI5279	1993 Mercedes OHI628L Jonckheere Redwing
261	Brian Brown	HC8643	1978 Leviand Lion PISC3 Leviand Fasthourne 58	300	neuwing coacties	1313217	Coaches 237
262	Eastbourne Buses	R114GNW	1998 DAF DAF Ikarus Eastbourne Buses Ltd 904	381	Three Star Luton	MARAIRII	1995 Dennis Javelin Berkhof Three Star
271	Strathay Scottish	miliann	1770 DA DA RAIGS EASIDONIC PASCS EM 701	382	Charlton Services	M684LRU L544PSB	1995 Dennis Javelin Berkhof Three Star 1994 Volvo BIOM Van Hool Charlton Services
	Omnibuses Ltd	SP03GDV	2003 Volvo B7TL	383	Solus Coaches	UTU530	1989 Bova Futura Bova Solus Coaches
			East Lancs Strathtay 712	384	The 500 Group	3542DD	1988 Yolyo BIOM YDN Kings Coaches.
272	Lincolnshire Road Car	FY52PLX SCN250S	2002 MAN 14.220 East Lancs Road Car 821		,		Van Hool bodywork 1984 Leyland Tiger Plaxton Bordacoach 1985 Scania K94 Van Hool Johns Tours
272 273 274 275 276	John Stopper Mick Rolley	SCN250S	1977 Leyland Atlantean Alexander Lincolnshire 750 1960 Bristol FS ECW Lincolnshire 2378	385	Bordacoach	HIL8917 A860WAU	1984 Leyland Tiger Plaxton Bordacoach
274		OVL473	1960 Bristol FS ECW Lincolnshire 2378	386	Johns Tours	A860WAU	1985 Scania K94 Van Hool Johns Tours
2/3	Andrews (Sheffield) Ltd	W482MKU	2000 DAF SB220 East Lancs Yorkshire Terrier 2482	387	Dudleys Coaches Ltd	F145SPV	1989 Leyland Tiger Plaxton Dudleys Coaches 1988 Volvo B10M Plaxton Dudleys Coaches
	Yorkshire Traction Co. Ltd	YTO3AYF	2003 MAN 14.220 East Lancs Yorkshire Traction 221	388	Dudleys Coaches Ltd	E1680HD	1988 Volvo BTUM Plaxton Dudleys Loaches
285	Lawrence Hayward	MRC565E	1967 Leyland Leopard	389 392	Andrews Coaches	LAJ999N Y999BCL	1982 Yolvo B58-16 Irizar Memory Lane
287	Dennis Salter	EELISON	Plaxton National 565	393	Burtons Coaches Ltd Steve Hursthouse	MERORCE	2001 Volvo B10M Plaxton Burton's Coaches 1994 DAF SB3000 Van Hool Wilts & Dorset 3221
288	Derek Thompson	FFL138V VTY543	i 980 Bedford YRQ Duple Dennis Salter I 969 Leyland Leopard	394	Independent	M580RCP V200VHO	2000 Volvo B10M Plaxton Independent Coachways
200	beick montpson	111243	Plaxton Tyne Valley Coaches	3/1	писреписи	12001110	142
289	Burtons Coaches Ltd	X371CUY	2000 Dennis Dart SLF	395	Cozy's	V2TCH	1999 MAN 24.400 Noge Cozy Travel
			Plaxton Burtons Coaches	396	Paul B Winson	V2TCH W9PSW	1999 MAN 24.400 Noge Cozy Travel 2000 Bova Futura Bova Paul S Winson 67
290	Buckland Omnibus Co	GRP260D	1966 Bristol MW6G ECW	397	West's Coaches	EV03DKD	2003 Dennis Javelin Plaxton West's Coaches
			United Counties 260	398	Merseyside Bus Club	GB03ACL	2003 Yolvo B12B Plaxton Aintree Coach Line
291	Gemini Travel	YU03ZPX	2003 Mercedes 0814	399	Brian Nash	FL03FAL	2003 Scania K113 Irizar Falcon 03
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292	2489 Group	J0J489	1950 Crossley DD42/6 Crossley Birmingham City		Bus Veterans Assoc	GX035**	2003 Scania Omnidekka East Lancs Brighton & Hove
293	Lacks C Valle	EX6566	Transport 2489	402	DUPD 4447 Cross	HAP985	1952 Paintal VCM ECM Painham Have & District
273	Leslie G Kelly Dr Michael Walker	BHU92C	1949 Leyland Titan PD2 Leyland Hedingham 66 1965 Bristol MW6G ECW Bristol Greyhound 2136 1976 Seddon Pennine YII Alexander Andrews Coaches	402	BH&D 6447 Group	ПАГ703	1953 Bristol KSW ECW Brighton Hove & District 6447
294 295	Andrews Coaches	MSJ385P	1976 Saddon Pannina VII Alayandar Androws Coachas	403	Delaine Buses Ltd	ADOROCT	2002 Volvo R7TI Fact Lance Delaine Ruser 136
296	3469 Preservation Group	AUP369W	1980 Levland Atlantean Roe Northern General 3469	404	Delaine Buses Ltd	AD030CT ACT340L	2002 Yolvo B7TL East Lancs Delaine Buses 136 1973 Leyland Atlantean N Counties Delaine Buses 72 1972 Leyland Leopard Plaxton Barton Buses 1246 2003 Scania 194 Wright Trent Barton Buses 625 1972 AEC Reliance Plaxton Barton Transport 1229 1976 Bristol YRT N Counties J R Morley & Sons 38
297	Preservabus	TKU465K	1980 Leyland Atlantean Roe Northern General 3469 1971 Leyland Atlantean M Counties The Wheels	405	Barton 1246 Society	RV0668L	1972 Levland Leonard Plaxton Barton Buses 1246
			Museum	406	Trent Barton Buses	FJ03VWM	2003 Scania L94 Wright Trent Barton Buses 625
298	James Nielsen	[A]293N HKL819	1974 Bristol RELL ECW Hartlepool Borough 93 1946 AEC Regal I Beadle Maidstone & District ORI	406 407	Barton Jumbo Society	MRR811K	1972 AEC Reliance Plaxton Barton Transport 1229
299	D A Payne Coach Hire	HKL819	1946 AEC Regal Beadle Maidstone & District OR1	408	Mr W F Ball	NDP38R	1976 Bristol VRT N Counties J R Morley & Sons 38
300	Konectbus Ltd	S169UAL	1998 Optare Excel Optare Konectbus 203	409	Reading Transport Enthusiasts Tim Wale Ltd	TBA	neadilik prises
301	Richard Kirwin	YJO3UMM	1998 Optare Excel Optare Konectbus 203 2003 Optare Excel Optare Safeguard 2003 Transbus Dart MPD Transbus Solent Blue Line 2001 Transbus Dart SPD Transbus Thamesdown	410	Tim Wale Ltd	MRD146	1956 AEC Regent III Park Royal Reading Transport 3
303	Solent Blue Line	1805	2003 Transbus Dart MPD Transbus Solent Blue Line	411	East Kent Road	MICLARI	1070 AFC 5 '6 M 1 M 5 . W . 107
304	Stuart Curwen	WX03ZNS	ZUUI Iransbus Dart MD Iransbus Thamesdown	412	Car Heritage Trust	VJG187J K824TKP	1970 AEC Swift Marshall East Kent 187
305	Cardiff Bus Show Group	TDA4	Transport 211 2000 Dennis Dart Plaxton Cardiff Bus	412	Stagecoach in East Kent	ROZGIRP	1993 Leyland Olympian N Counties Stagecoach in
306		TBA6 SNO2AYL	2003 Dennis Dart SLF Transbus Trustline DPL1	414	Glenton 121 Group	JMC121K	East Kent 14824' 1972 AEC Reliance Plaxton Glenton Tours 121
307	Trustline Services Chase Bus	PSU988	1998 Dennis Dart SLF UVG Chase Bus 27	415	Bob Miles	217MHK	1959 Bristol MW5G ECW Eastern National 480
308	The Oxford Bus Company	MA52OXF	2003 Mercedes Citaro Mercedes Oxford Bus Company	416	Gordon Burkinshaw	783EFM	1957 Bristol SC4LK ECW Crosville SC13
500	the entere was company	TINGLOW	822	417	Eastern National	1032111	
309	The OSVO Colchester Meeting	M73WYG 19	95 MAN 11.190 Optare Black Prince, Morley 73		1407 Preservation Group	VN0859	1953 Bristol KSW5G ECW Eastern National 1407
310	MK Metro Ltd	K302FYG	1992 DAF DB250 Optare MK Metro 202	418	Mr J E Pitt	7017HK	1958 Bristol MW6G ECW Eastern National 331
311	Transpire		•	419	Mr Lynn Pestell	DNU20C	1965 Bristol MW6G ECW Midland General 296
212	The Chesterfield Bus Society	TBA8	2003 DAF DB250LF East Lancs TM Travel	420	East Midlands	25744441	1011 0: 1 100000 0000 0: 1 2000
312	Newbury Bus Club	GSOIXBL	1989 DAF SB220 Optare Newbury Buses 501	424	Bus Preservation Group	357MHU	1961 Bristol MW5G ECW Bristol 2522
313 314	Richardson Travel Harrogate & District Travel	PN52XBP	2002 Volvo B7TL East Lancs Richardson Travel 801 1995 Volvo B10B Wright Harrogate & District 356	421	N M Adams	OWC182D HDV638E	1966 Bristol MW6G ECW Tillings Transport T392 1967 Bristol MW6G ECW Western National 1433
314	narrogate or District Travel	P456UUG	1773 TONO DIOD THINGIR HATTOGARE & DISTRICT 330	477	Dave Wheatley	שמנסותו	1707 Bristor Flyrod ECVY Western Mational 1433





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423	D Brown/K Young	HDV641E	1967 Bristol MW6G ECW Royal Blue 1436
424	DG&PM Bodger	766MDV	1963 Bristol MW6G ECW Royal Blue 2278
425 426	Richard Waterhouse Eastern National	SHN80L	1973 Bristol RELH ECW United Auto 6080
	Preservation Group	NTW942C	1965 Bristol FLF6G ECW Eastern National 2845
427 428	Ken Harding 603 Preservation Group	OCK988K TPN103S	1972 Bristol VRT ECW Ribble BT988 1977 Bristol VRT ECW Southdown 603
429	Mr Richard Todd	BRC837T	1979 Bristol VRT ECW Trent 837
430 431	Ken Harding	FWR218T WTU485W	1979 Bristol VRT Bristol Red Kite 218
432	A T Thompson 684 Preservation Group	EAP984V	1980 Bristol VRT ECW J R Morley & Sons 1980 Bristol VRT ECW Southdown 684
435 436	Thornes Independent Ltd	LBT380N IFI506N	1975 Bristol LHS Plaxton Thornes Independent 74 1975 Bristol LH6L Plaxton National 326
437	Chelveston Preservation British Road Transport Collectn	RDV423H	1970 Bristol RELH6G ECW Royal Blue 1472
438	Mr D Edwards	FWC439H	1969 Bristol RELL6G ECW Eastern National 1516
450	Kelvin Pinnock	LKP385P	1975 Volvo Ailsa BSS Alexander Maidstone & District 5385
451	2816 Society	OK0816G	1968 Leyland Leopard Willowbrook Maidstone &
454	Andrew Harris	GJF301N	1975 Scania BRITIDH MCW Leicester City Transport
AFF	Michael D Makesan		301
455	Michael P Webster	ARY225K	1972 Scania BRTTMH MCW Leicester City Transport 225
456	Leicester Vintage Bus Society	LJF16F	1967 Leyland Titan PD3A East Lancs Leicester City
457	190 Renown Group	DBC190C	Transport 16 1965 AEC Renown East Lancs Leicester CityTransport
400			190
498	Meesrs Thornhill, Brown & Moore	ES997	1990 Dennis Condor Metsec New World First DM17
499	Kowloon Motor Bus	TBA5	2003 Volvo Olympian Wright KMB
500	2RT2 Bus Preservation Group	FXT288	1940 AEC Regent 2RT2 LPTB London Transport RT113
500A	Mike Fuller	NLE918	1950 AEC Regent 3RT Weymann London Transport
501	Purly Transport		RT3028 1948 AEC Regent 3RT Weymann London Country
E014	Preservation Group	HLX421	RT604
501A 502	Roy Warren 1702 Preservation Society	LYR915 KYY529	1952 AEC Regent 3RT Weymann RT3496 1950 AEC Regent 3RT Park Royal London Transport
F02		VCIIDOD	RT1702
503	Mr Philip Buckland	KGU322	1949 AEC Regent 3RT Weymann London Transport RT2293
504	The Bus-Kerteers	LYF316	1951 AEC Regent 3RT Park Royal London Transport
505	Paul Collard & Stewart Eteson	KYY912	1950 AEC Regent 3RT Weymann London Transport
506	Mr & Landau	LLU610	RT3 183
200	Mr A Langley	LLUGIU	1950 AEC Regent 3RT Weymann London Transport RT3251
506A	David Gray	OLD714	1954 AEC Regent 3RT Weymann London Transport RT4494
507	Tony Potter	LLU987	1950 Leyland PD2 Special Leyland London Transport
508	The RTL 453 Group	KLB648	RTW497' 1949 Leyland PD2 Special Park Royal London
	·		Transport RTL453
509	RM8 Club	VLT8	1958 AEC Routemaster Park Royal London Transport RM8
510	Blue Triangle Buses	VLT298	1960 AEC Routemaster Park Royal Blue Triangle
511	David Good	WLT349	RM298
			1960 AEC Routemaster Park Royal London Transport RM349
512	Keith Currall	WLT597	1960 AEC Routemaster Park Royal London Transport RM597
513	Peter Simmonds	WLT642	1961 AEC Routemaster Park Royal London Transport
514	Brian Lewer	VLT16	RM642 1959 AEC Routemaster Park Royal London Transport
			RM16
517	RM737 Group	WLT737	1961 AEC Routemaster Park Royal London Transport RM737
518	RM765 Group	WLT765	1961 AEC Routemaster Park Royal London Transport

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F30	Directionals December	WITOOO	RM765
520	Blue Triangle Buses	WLT900	1962 AEC Routemaster Park Royal Blue Triangle RML900
521	RH1000 Preservation Group	100BXŁ	1961 AEC Routemaster Park Royal London Transport
522	Michael Smith	ICLT	RM1000 1961 AEC Routemaster Park Royal London Transport
	michael Smith		RM1001
525	1476 Group	476CLT	1962 AEC Routemaster Park Royal London County
526	Harry Hobson	477CLT	RMC1476 1962 AEC Routemaster Park Royal London Transport
			RMC1477
528	Steven Wood	699DYE	1961 AEC Routemaster Park Royal London Transport RM1699
529	Michael Smith	804DYE	1964 AEC Routemaster Park Royal London Transport
530	Christian Bus		RM1804
220	Enthusiasts Group	ALD989B	1964 AEC Routemaster Park Royal Reading Mainline
F21	DM1000 Carra	ALD990B	1044 AEC Bautamantan Bada Barat Banding Mainting
531	RM1990 Group	ALUYYUD	1964 AEC Routemaster Park Royal Reading Mainline 25
532	Mr P Durrant	ALD993B	1964 AEC Routemaster Park Royal Southampton City
533	RM216 Preservation Group	CUVII6C	Bus 403 1965 AEC Routemaster Park Royal London Transport
			RM2116
534	RM2023 Group	ALM23B	1964 AEC Routemaster Park Royal London Transport RM2023
535	Alan John Brown	CUV233C	1965 AEC Routemaster Park Royal Green Line
011	T.L. D.	175270	RCL2233
550	Toby Prescott	LYF379	1952 AEC Regal IV MCW Green Line RF28
551	Mr P F Sapte	LYF464	1951 ALC Regal IV MCVV Green Line Kr 113
227	Peter Beeson	MLL818	1953 AEC Regal IV MCW London Transport RF281
553	David Wilkinson	MLL806	1951 AEC Regal IV MCW London Transport RF296
552 553 555	Messrs Narduzzo & Puddephatt	NLE667	1953 AEC Regal IV Cammell London Transport KF667
556	RF457 Group	MXX434	1951 AEC Regal IV MCW Green Line RF113 1953 AEC Regal IV MCW London Transport RF281 1951 AEC Regal IV MCW London Transport RF296 1953 AEC Regal IV MCW London Transport RF467 1952 AEC Regal IV MCW London Transport RF457 1953 AEC Regal IV MCW London Transport RF457 1953 AEC Regal IV MCW London Transport RF457
557	Derek Robinson	MLL969	1732 MEC NEGAL IT LICTY CONDON MAISPOIL 33211
560	David Joseph	MXX480	1953 AEC Regal IV MCW London Transport RF503
561	John Stanley	MXX398	1957 AFC Regal IV MCW London Transport RF421
565	GS17 Group	MXX317	1953 Guy Vixen ECW London Country GS17
566	John Clarke	MXX332	1953 Guy Yixen ECW London Country 6317 1953 Guy Yixen Special ECW London Transport 6332
571	John Clarke Mr D Potter	JPL101K	1972 Leyland Atlantean Park Royal London Country
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572	Mr & Mrs D Potter	JPL153K	1972 Leyland Atlantean Park Royal London Country
573	Chris Wall	VPB121M	AN53 1974 Leyland Atlantean Park Royal London Country
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574	Brian Nash	AML641H	1969 AEC Merlin MCW London Transport MB641
575	M Burns/B Carter	WYW67T	1978 MCW Metrobus MCW London Transport M67
576	John Braga	GHV51N	1974 Daimler Fleetline Park Royal London Transport
F77	Mark Cala	MINULT	DMIOSI
577	Mark Cole	WYV6T	1978 Leyland Titan Park Royal London Transport To
579	Gauvin Lewis	FIOSYVP	1988 MCW Metrorider MCW London Transport MR105
580	Chris Wills	XPKSIT	1978 AEC Reliance Duple London Country RB51
581	Allan Edmondson	OID68R	1976 Bristol LHS FCW London Transport BL68
600	Stagecoach in Cheltenham	X503ADF	2000 Dennis Dart SPD Plaxton Stagecoach in
	0		Cheltenham 33503
602	Stagecoach in Hampshire	M460VCW	1995 Volvo BIOM Alexander Stagecoach in Hampshire
605	Stagecoach in Swinden	N40LDF	20460
000	Stagecoach in Swindon	MANTO	1995 Volvo B10M Alexander Stagecoach in Swindon 2068
606	Stagecoach in Fife	R825EF	1997 Volvo RIOM Playton Stagecoach in Fife 52462
607	Stagecoach in Wales	M918WJK	1995 Volvo BIOM Plaxton Stagernach in Wales 57778
610	Stagecoach East	JAH552D	1966 Bristol FLF6G ECW Stagernach Fast 19952
611	Stephen William Clarke	SK52USO	1995 Volvo B10M Plaxton Stagecoach in Wales 52278 1966 Bristol FLF6G ECW Stagecoach East 19952 2002 Dennis Trident Alexander Stagecoach Devon
711	suprem trimmin course	11.02.030	17735
612	Stagecoach in East Kent	B125WUV	1984 Leyland Titan Leyland Stagecoach in East Kent
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615	Stagecoach in Bedford	6253VC	1996 Volvo B10M Plaxton Stagecoach in Bedford





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616	Stagacoach in Badford	204200	52329
010	Stagecoach in Bedford	3063VC	1996 Volvo B10M Plaxton Stagecoach in Bedrord 52330
617	Stagecoach in Bedford	9258VC	
017	stagecoacti ili bediord	723010	1996 Volvo B10M Plaxton Stagecoach in Bedford 52331
618	Stagecoach in Bedford	9737VC	1996 Volvo BIOM Plaxton Stagecoach in Bedford
010	Stagecoadi ili beoloid	713110	52332
626	Arriva the Shires	R201DBM	1997 Scania E113 N Counties Arriva the Shires &
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627	Arriva The Shires	TBA2	M94xLYR DAF SB3000 Van Hoof
628	Arriva The Shires	G654UPP	1989 Leyland Olympian Alexander Arriva The Shires
			5104
629	Matthew Evans	N716TPK	1995 Dennis Dominator East Lancs Arriva Southend
			DD16
630	Mr D H Hull	KESTPUU	2002 DAF SB120 Wright Arriva 4508
631	Arriva Kent & Sussex	R***BKO	1997 DAF SB3000 Pfaxton Arriva Kent & Sussex 29*
632	Arriva Southern Counties	BK02WSX	2002 Bedford Vivaro Vauxhall Arriva YVAN20
697	The SA Collection	HPF318N	1975 Leyland National Leyland London Country
			ZNC168
698	The SA Collection	UPB312S	1977 Leyland National Leyland London Country
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Our editorial is designed to interest bus and coach operators of all sizes and from all sectors. To this end our pages contain the latest news, vehicle launches and evaluations, operator features, manufacturer profiles, dealer articles, show reports, conference reports, products releases and a host more information, including recent deliveries. From time to time we also carry articles on defunct manufacturers, rallies such as Showbus, museums and overseas operations if we believe they will be of interest to our core readers. Though our focus is on the UK, the increasing globalisation of bus and coach manufacture takes our team around the globe in search of the stories. We attend and cover the major European

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When producing new models we have endeavoured to identify transport and public service vehicles that hold a significant place in the growth of the British Transport Industry.

Each new model released owes its existence to several factors, the knowledge gained from books, photographs and fleet lists but it is only with the help of enthusiasts that the final additional information becomes available. Showbus is the perfect opportunity to meet and thank these people and to let them air their views on the range and offer ideas for future model releases.

On display in the Exclusive First Editions marquee there will be an array of models both old and new, tooling patterns, castings and forthcoming model releases. There will be the opportunity to win some rare models, special offers and of course senior members of staff will be available to answer any questions that you might have.

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Senior members of staff will be there to answer any of your questions about our range of models and to guide you through the considerable display of new



items, some of which will be on show for the first time. Last year we updated our Exclusive First Editions
Master List CD-ROM which was a great success as it now contains even more information and is easier to use and more user friendly. Visitor to the Exclusive First Editions marquee will have the opportunity to try out this interesting new collecting aid, which will also be on sale.

In addition to all this, there will of course be the opportunity to purchase some very special models produced for Showbus 2003, and these are:-

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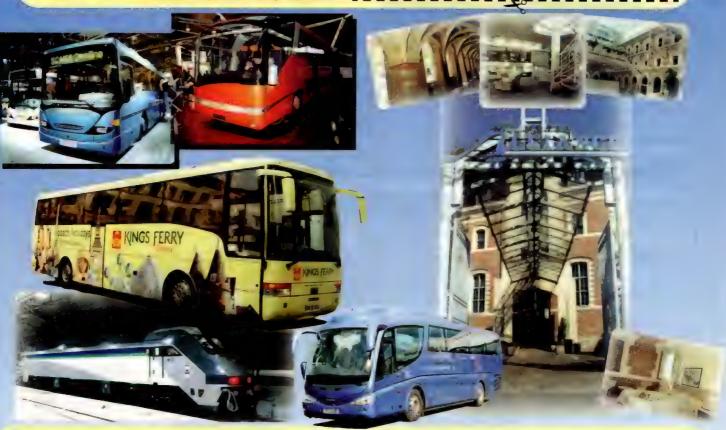
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K&B takes first new Neoplan

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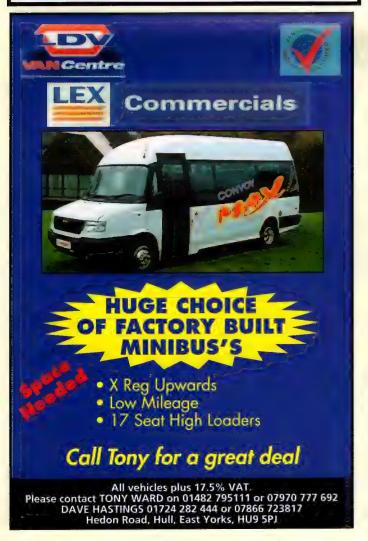


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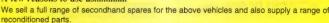
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